Visit of Italian delegation on waste disposal

2875. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-level Italian delegation during a recent visit and evinced keen interest in sharing their know-how in the matters of waste disposal, water supply, urban transport and construction activities;

(b) if so, whether anything concrete has emerged out of the proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Metro Rail in Hyderabad

2876. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 277 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 2005 and state;

(a) when any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for introduction of metro rail system in Hyderabad between Bijapur-Chaitanyapuri and Secunderabad-Falaknuma;

(b) whether there is any time/cost overrun of the project; and

(c) by when the project is going to be completed and becomes operational?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) A letter was received from Government of Andhra Pradesh in the month of June 2005 for development of MRTS in Hyderabad on three routes *viz,* Miyapur-Chaitanyapuri (26 kms.); Secunderabad-Falaknuma (13 kms) and Tarnaka-Secunderabad-Hitec City (20 kms).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The project is at a very early stage and it is difficult to fix a time frame.